

REMARKS


Applicants would like to thank Examiners Deborah Ware and David Naff for the very courteous and helpful discussion held with Applicants's representatives on August 24, 2004. The listing of claims set forth above reflects the agreement reached with the Examiners during this discussion.

During the discussion, the Examiners stated that independent claim 15 was allowable, and that claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten to depend from claim 15. It was further indicated that new claims dependent on claim 15 based on claims that were previously dependent on claim 1 would likewise be allowable. The present amendment fully adopts these suggestions and places the application in condition for allowance.

In accordance with MPEP 714.13, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.116 inasmuch as it merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions, and places the claims in condition for allowance. Entry of the present amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the above Amendment and Remarks do not put the claims in condition to be allowed, and that a further interview would be helpful, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned agent directly at (312)-321-4257.

Respectfully submitted,



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